

2. Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bills relating to the following Demands, after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:—
- 4 Hours
[To be discussed together]
- (a) Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2006-2007.
- (b) Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) for 2004-2005.

The Committee also recommended that the Houses will sit up to 6.00 p.m. and beyond, as and when necessary, for the transaction of Government Legislative and other Business.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Digvijay Singh stating that he wants to go to Doha in connection with the 15th Asian Games. He has, therefor, requested for grant of Leave of Absence from 1 st to 15th December, 2006 of the current session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from the 1 st to 15th December, 2006 of the current session of the Rajya Sabha?

(No hon. Member dissented)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 4th of December, 2006 will consist of:

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.
2. Consideration and passing of the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2006, as passed by Lok Sabha.

- (3) Discussion on the Report entitled "The State of Panchayats—A Mid-Term Review and Appraisal".
- (4) Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bills relating to the following Demands, after they are passed by Lok Sabha:—
Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2006-07; and
Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) for 2004-05.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food And Public Distribution

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay a statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION—(Contd.)

Demolition of houses of Hindu minority in Kazhakistan

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA (Rajasthan): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, you have been very kind after about 8 days. This notice was given about 8 days ago. There has been a very unprecedented act in Kazhakistan. The police under the instructions of the Government have demolished scores of houses belonging to the Hindu minority. The Hindu are a great minority in Kazhakistan. In this acute winter, these Hindu families are on the road, and they are suffering without any limit. Sir, one affected lady from these families has come to India also. I am sure the Government will look into it. Sir, this is the greatest looting of the land of minority, particularly Hindus, by the Government of Kazhakistan itself, and this particular point has been discussed in different places* like USA, Canada and Australia by different organizations. Even in Britain, the Prime Minister, Mr. Tony Blair